

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 and added new claims 13-28 to provide different claim coverage.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

The Examiner had rejected claims 1-12 as being either anticipated by, or obvious in new of, Pritchard, Zoll and/or Halsnes. These rejections are all moot given that claims 1-12 have been canceled. However, Applicants have the following comments regarding the new claims and cited prior art.

An advantage of the claimed invention is that it has a one-way valve (such as item 14 for example), completely outside of the body of the pump. As a result, maintenance, cleaning and substitution are made easier when a filter becomes clogged or a seal fails. At the same time, the second and the third valves in the pump act may as a stopcock, alternatively opening and closing in the drawing step. This makes it safer and easier to maintain the external delivery valve.

At least these features are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art documents cited in the Office Action.

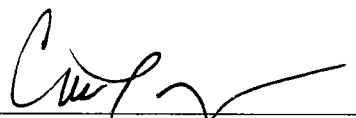
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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